

Spotlight on Georgetown . . .

Georgetown County and its county seat were named for King George II of England. Spanish explorers are believed to have visited this coastal area in 1526, but no permanent settlement was established. English planters moved into the region in the early eighteenth century, building large rice and indigo plantations. The town of Georgetown was established around 1730. It became a busy port for the surrounding plantations. Many famous South Carolinians were residents of Georgetown County, including Thomas Lynch, Jr. (1749-1779), a signer of the Declaration of Independence; Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851), U.S. Congressman, Secretary of War, and Ambassador to Mexico, who introduced the poinsettia to the U.S.; and Joseph Hayne Rainey (1832-1887), the first African-American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Georgetown Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the eastern area of the state
- Surrounded by Horry, Marion, Williamsburg, Berkeley, and Charleston counties, with the Atlantic Ocean to the east
- This region has an average temperature of 65.0 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 55.0 inches.

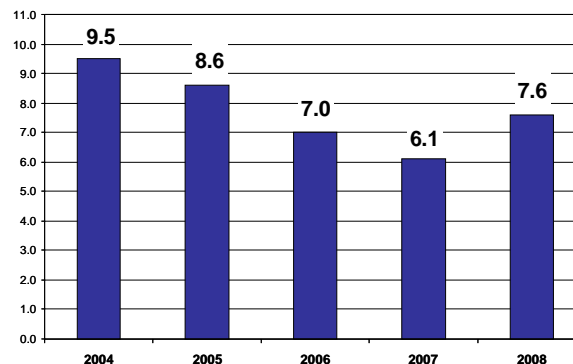
Population

- Was 60,390 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 66,130 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 65.2% White, 33.7% African-American, and 1.1% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 919 in 2000 to 1,728 in 2007, a 88.0% change.

Labor Force

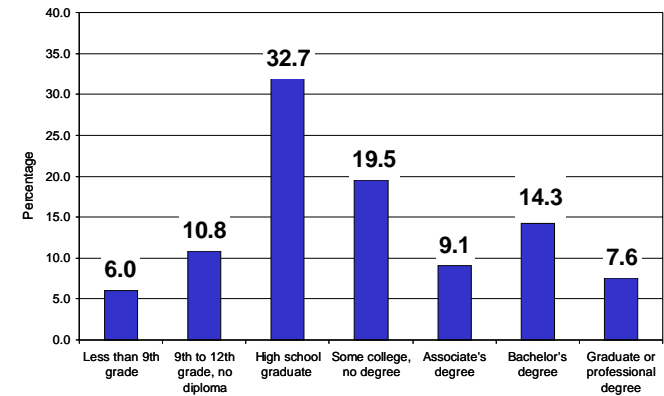
- Increased from 29,200 in 2007 to 30,430 in 2008
- Employment rose from 27,410 in 2007 to 28,110 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 6.1% in 2007 to 7.6% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Georgetown County
2004 - 2008



Educational Attainment

Georgetown County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$34,690 for 2007.
- This was 112% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 90% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Georgetown Workforce Center paid \$8,135,853 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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